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## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: <b>March 4, 2009</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>Field Operations Region II</b>		Admin. Invest? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>009-03055-1624-055</b>		Date: <b>March 4, 2009</b>		Time: <b>2338 hours</b>	
City or Station: <b>Carson</b>		Nature of Incident: At the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit, the suspect avoided apprehension from the Deputies. As the suspect fled on foot, he suddenly stopped and turned toward Deputies Taylor & Bailous. He raised his right hand and pointed a black handgun in their direction. Both deputies fearing for their safety, fired their duty weapons at the suspect, missing him. The suspect fled on foot out of sight. He was subsequently located by a Sheriff's K-9 Unit and taken into custody.			
Location: <b>236th Street / Catskill Avenue</b>					
Location Type (circle one or more): Backyard Beach Business Freeway Industrial Park Parking Lot Residence Rural School <u>Street</u> Other: _____	Lighting (circle only one): <u>Darkness</u> Daylight Other Street Lights		Incident Type (circle one or more): Accidental <u>Armed Person</u> Fleeing Suspect Foot Pursuit Gun Take Away Moving Vehicle Sniper/Ambush Stallie Struggle Involved Traffic Stop Unarmed Person Unintentional <u>Vehicle Pursuit</u> Warrant Service Warning Shot Other: _____		Initiated by (circle only one): Arrest Warrant Call Observation One Person Unit Other Search Warrant <u>Two Person Unit</u>  Prior Activity (circle only one): Detective Inmate Transport Other <u>Routine Patrol</u>
	Weather (circle only one): <u>Clear</u> Cloudy Fog Rain				
	Distance: <b>20 Feet</b>				
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy <b>11</b>	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect <b>0</b>		Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Shift Time (circle only one): EM PM Day	Shift Type (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Shift Time (circle only one): EM PM Day	Shift Type (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Shift Time (circle only one): EM PM Day	Shift Type (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u> Present during shooting	Witness to shooting Involved in shooting
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Beardsley</b>	<b>Bryan</b>	<b>D.</b>		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u> Present during shooting	Witness to shooting Involved in shooting
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Bugarin</b>	<b>Faye</b>	<b>A.</b>		
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name		M.I.	
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name		M.I.	
<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>Anderson</b>	<b>Robert</b>		<b>J.</b>	

PSTD: Use Only	
SH # _____	

Relator Information				
Arrival Date	March 4, 2009	Arrival Time	2338 hours	Date Submitted
Date of Recommendation				
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	J.
	Brickert	Scott		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	H.
	Ramirez	Jack		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	M.
	Maldonado	Albert		
Suspect / Force Information				

## Method

(AW)	Anwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

### Type of Injury

[AB]	Abrasion
[BR]	Bruise
[BU]	Burn
[CP]	Complaint of Pain
[CO]	Concussion
[DH]	Death
[DI]	Dislocation
[DB]	Dog Bite
[FR]	Fractures
[GS]	Gunshot
[HB]	Human Bite
[LC]	Lacerations
[ND]	Nerve Damage
[OD]	Organ Damage
[PA]	Paralysis
[PW]	Puncture Wound
[SD]	Soft Tissue Damage
[ST]	Sprain/Twists
[UN]	Unconscious
[RM]	Refused Med Treatment
[NN]	NONE

**Body Part Injured**

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

**Brand**

(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RI)	RGI
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(RO)	Ross
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(SF)	Sturm Ruger
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Martin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT)	Ithica	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand

**Caliber**

(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 gauge
(10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 gauge	(30)	.308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 gauge	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	.22-250	(36)	30-60 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WW)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)[illegible]

# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee									
<b>E 1</b>		Employee #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
		Taylor		Mat					
Sex: M		Race: W		Rank: Bonus		Unit Assignment: Carson Station		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 164	
Shift Time (circle only one): <input checked="" type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Day		Shift Type (circle only one): <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> Overtime <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used: N/A			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 Hrs.		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Uniform w/ Vest</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/>		Other Factors:			
Age: 603		Height: 225		Weight: 225					
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings:		Number of Prior Shootings:	
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta		Caliber: .9mm		# Shots: 10		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:			

<b>E 2</b>		Employee #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
		Bailous		Vera					
Sex: F		Race: Black		Rank: Deputy Sheriff		Unit Assignment: Carson Station		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 164	
Shift Time (circle only one): <input checked="" type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> PM <input type="radio"/> Day		Shift Type (circle only one): <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> Overtime <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6-7 Hrs.		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Uniform w/ Vest</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/>		Other Factors:			
Age: 503		Height: 170		Weight: 170					
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings:		Number of Prior Shootings:	
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta		Caliber: .9mm		# Shots: 1		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:			

<b>E</b>		Employee #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Sex:		Race:		Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
Shift Time (circle only one): EM PM Day		Shift Type (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Uniform w/ Vest</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/>		Other Factors:			
Age:		Height:		Weight:					
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:					
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>		Number of Prior Shootings:	
Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber: # Shots:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:			
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:			

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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## Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name Unknown		First Name		M.I.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	Sex: M	Race: H	Street Address:		City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.		Height:	Weight:	FBI #	CII #
	Booking #		Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:	
	BMW		325i		1992	
S 2	Last Name Morales		First Name Christopher		M.I. A.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	Sporty		Street Address:		City	State & Zip Code:
	Sex: M	Race: H	Home Phone:		Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 23 D.O.B. 06/09/85		Height: 507	Weight: 160	FBI #	CII #
	Booking # 1825781		Primary Charge: 245 (d) (1) PC		Secondary Charge: 148 (a) (1) P.C.	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:	
S 3	Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	Sex: F	Race: H	Street Address:		City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 17 D.O.B.		Height: 411	Weight: 110	FBI #	CII #
	Booking #		Primary Charge: 148 (a) (1) P.C.		Secondary Charge: 529 (3) P.C.	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:	
S	Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:		City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.		Height:	Weight:	FBI #	CII #
	Booking #		Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:	

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENT SUMMARY**

**UNIT:** Carson Station  
**DATE:** March 5, 2009  
**TIME:** 2345 Hours  
**LOCATION:** Catskill Avenue and 236<sup>th</sup> Street, Carson, CA  
**URN#:** 409-03055-1624-055  
**IAB#:** SH2240336 / FO2255978

**NATURE OF INCIDENT:**

On March 5, 2009, Deputies Mat Taylor, # [REDACTED] and Vera Bailous, # [REDACTED] assigned to Carson Sheriff's Station, initiated a pursuit of a reckless drunk driver. After less than a minute elapsed, the suspect vehicle crashed in a grassy area adjacent to Catskill Elementary School in the City of Carson. Two males and one female exited the vehicle. As one of the males (later identified as Christopher Morales) exited the vehicle, deputies saw him trip and fall to the ground.

While falling, a handgun fell out of his waistband. Suspect Morales picked up the handgun and pointed it at the deputies as they were exiting their vehicle. The Deputies in fear of their lives, fired their weapons at the armed suspect, missing him. All three suspects ran eastbound. The Deputies tracked the suspects and set up a containment. They subsequently lost sight of the suspects in the 300 block of east 236<sup>th</sup> Street. Canine Services Detail was requested and responded to the location.

A search team, including Canine Services Deputy John Davoren, # [REDACTED] and his canine "Djengis" were deployed, and began searching the area. The search team received information from the command post that a male with a handgun had been observed by a citizen in the back yard of [REDACTED] E. 236<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon reaching the backyard of [REDACTED] E. 236<sup>th</sup> Street, the canine alerted on a van that was parked under a carport. The search team could see that the windows were fogged up from inside of the van. Several canine announcements were made in English and Spanish ordering the suspects to exit the van. They refused to comply.

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A "Flash Bang" was deployed next to the van and several more verbal canine announcements were made before a female, subsequently identified as Suspect [REDACTED] exited the van. She was taken into custody and told the search team that an additional person, a male, was inside of the van. Approximately five minutes later, after several more verbal canine announcements were made, Suspect Morales exited the van with a black hooded sweatshirt draped over his head and waistband area.

Suspect Morales was ordered to walk over to a pre-deployed arrest team which had been staged at the location. Morales refused and instead hesitated. As Suspect Morales was approximately fifteen feet away, he turned his body sideways and dropped his hands to his waistband. Deputy Davoren deployed his canine who bit Suspect Morales. Once it was determined Suspect Morales was not armed, the canine was removed from the bite and he was handcuffed without further incident.

Los Angeles County Fire Paramedics, Station #36, under the direction of Captain Weaver, treated Suspect Morales in the field. Suspect Morales was transported to Harbor-UCLA Hospital via ambulance. Doctor Takano treated Suspect Morales for canine lacerations to his left forearm and canine rakes on the his left bicep area.

Suspect Morales was positively identified as the person who pointed a handgun at them. No Firearm was located.

The following review is based on written documentation, interviews of witnesses, involved deputies, and medical staff.

#### **INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

**TAYLOR, Mat**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Carson Station, Field Operations Region II

#### **EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

Date of Employment:	August 5, 1999
Date assigned to Patrol:	[REDACTED]
Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]
Prior Shooting Incidents:	[REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[REDACTED]

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**BAILOUS, Vera**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Carson Station, Field Operations Region II

**EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

Date of Employment: October 25, 2006  
Date assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incidents: [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**DAVOREN, John**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Special Enforcement Bureau, Office of Homeland Security

**EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

Date of Employment: December 10, 1990  
Date assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]  
Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incidents: [REDACTED]  
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [REDACTED]

**SUSPECT:**

**MORALES, Christopher**, MH/23 yrs. DOB: 06-09-1985, 507, 143 lbs., brown/brown

CII: [REDACTED] FBI: [REDACTED]

Suspect Morales' criminal history consists of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FH/17 yrs. DOB: [REDACTED] 4-11, 110, brown/brown

Subject [REDACTED] criminal history consists of [REDACTED]

Refer to Exhibit C, for Suspect Morales' and Subject [REDACTED] Criminal History.

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**DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

None

**NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED] MH/52  
[REDACTED]

**INJURIES:**

**Suspect:**

Subject Morales sustained Lacerations to his left bicep and canine rakes to his left forearm. He was transported to Harbor-UCLA Hospital where he was treated by Doctor Takano.

**Deputy Personnel:**

No Deputy personnel were injured during this incident.

**WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:**

This incident occurred during evening hours. The weather was cool.

**WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:**

Described as a black semiautomatic pistol.

**WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:**

**Deputy Mat Taylor**

**Service Weapon-** Beretta, 92F (Serial Number BER [REDACTED]), Double Action Semiautomatic Pistol, 9mm Luger.

**Type Of Ammunition-** Winchester Ranger SXT 9mm Luger Ammunition.

**Ammunition-** Eleven rounds fired and five left in the magazine.

**Shell Casings-** Eleven 9mm shell casings were located at the scene.

**Date Employee Last Qualified:** (Mobile Range): [REDACTED]

**Date Last Trained With Weapon:** [REDACTED]

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**Deputy Vera Bailous**

**Service Weapon-**Beretta, 92F (Serial Number M9- [REDACTED], Double Action Semiautomatic Pistol, 9mm luger.

**Type Of Ammunition-** Winchester Ranger SXT 9mm Luger Ammunition.

**Ammunition-** One round fired and fourteen left in the magazine.

**Shell Casings-** One 9mm caliber shell casing was located at the scene.

**Date Employee Last Qualified:** (Mobile Range): [REDACTED]

**Date Last Trained With Weapon:** [REDACTED]

All weapons were examined, test fired, and found to be functional by Firearms Examiner Phil Teramoto # [REDACTED] **Lab Receipt Number K080231**, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department- Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section(Refer to Exhibit D).

**INVOLVED DEPUTY (S) STATEMENTS:**

**Deputy Mat Taylor**, # [REDACTED] was interviewed on April 22, 2009, by Sergeants Jack Ramirez and Al Maldonado of Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Taylor said on March 4, 2009, he was working EM's Unit 164 with Deputy Bailous. He said while on patrol, they were stopped at the red light on 220<sup>th</sup> Street at Dolores Street facing west in their marked patrol car. He said he saw a silver BMW, 4 door, tinted windows with Washington license plate # [REDACTED]. He said the vehicle drove south on Delores Street through the intersection without headlights, a violation of 24250 C.V.C. and an indication of an intoxicated driver.

Deputy Taylor said they proceeded to turn south onto Delores Street from 220<sup>th</sup> Street. He said he saw the BMW swerve across the southbound lanes into the northbound lanes of Delores Street, violation of 21650 C.V.C. He said he turned on his red lights and siren in order to conduct a traffic stop regarding a reckless driving under the influence investigation. He said when they attempted to stop the BMW, it slowed down and began to pull to the right. He said as the vehicle pulled toward the west curb line, it almost struck several parked cars.

Deputy Taylor said the vehicle accelerated quickly and continued southbound on Delores Street. He said the vehicle drove southbound into the northbound lanes of Delores Street. He said the vehicle almost collided with a vehicle which was in the lefthand turn lane of southbound Delores Street at 223<sup>rd</sup> Street, stopped at the red light. He said the vehicle failed to stop at the red light of southbound Delores Street at 223<sup>rd</sup> Street. Deputy Taylor said he requested assistance over his hand held radio and initiated a reckless driving under the influence pursuit just south of 223<sup>rd</sup> Street and Delores Street.

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**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, for a copy of Deputy Taylor's Incident Report, Pages 4 and 5 regarding the vehicle pursuit.**

Deputy Taylor said as the suspect vehicle drove eastbound on 236<sup>th</sup> Street in the westbound lanes of traffic, the vehicle collided with a pole on the sidewalk directly in front of 23536 Catskill Avenue (Catskill Avenue Elementary School). He said the vehicle continued eastbound on the grass of the school grounds and collided into a fence .

He said the vehicle came to rest at that point. Deputy Taylor said the driver, who he described as a male Hispanic, with a shaved head white shirt, tan paid shorts, exited the front driver side door and ran around the trunk of the BMW. He said the male continued to run southbound between two parked cars which were facing west along the north curb line. Deputy Taylor said the front passenger, later identified as [REDACTED] exited the vehicle and ran southbound between the same two parked cars.

He said Christopher Morales exited the right rear passenger side door. Deputy Taylor said Morales was wearing a black hooded baggie sweatshirt. He said Morales immediately slipped on the wet grass and fell to the ground. Deputy Taylor said he exited his patrol unit just prior to Morales exiting the BMW. Deputy Taylor said Morales got off the ground with his left hand and reached into his waistband area with his right hand. Deputy Taylor said he saw Morales retrieve a black handgun from his waistband area and turn towards him and his partner, Deputy Bailous. He said Morales raised his right arm and pointed the firearm in their direction. Deputy Taylor said fearing for his and Deputy Bailous' life, he fired approximately 8-10 rounds from his duty weapon in an effort to stop Morales' lethal threat.

Deputy Taylor said he was approximately five feet northeast from his front bumper of his radio car as he fired his weapon. He said Deputy Bailous was standing approximately three feet south of his location. He said he heard Deputy Bailous fire one round from her duty weapon. Deputy Taylor said there were no people in his line of fire, but saw several parked vehicles. Deputy Taylor said Morales turned away from them and ran southbound between two cars which were parked facing westbound along the north curb line of 236<sup>th</sup> Street. Deputy Taylor said that it did not appear that the suspect was struck by any of their rounds. Deputy Taylor said after the shooting, they approached the BMW to make sure there were no more suspects hiding inside. He said he saw the driver running eastbound on 236<sup>th</sup> Street. He said he saw him run to the west side of the residence at [REDACTED] E. 236<sup>th</sup> Street.

Deputy Taylor said he saw Morales and [REDACTED] running together eastbound along the south sidewalk of 236<sup>th</sup> Street. He said he saw them run southbound along the

westside of a residence at [REDACTED] E. 236<sup>th</sup> Street. He said they followed them for approximately fifty yards, but lost sight of them. He said at that point, they took up a position of cover and set up a containment. He said a K-9 unit subsequently located Morales and [REDACTED] and took them into custody. The driver of the BMW was not located.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, Deputy Taylor's incident report. Also see a copy of his transcribed interview submitted with this case file.**

**I.A.B. Note: Detective Wedel of Operation Safe Streets interviewed Deputies Taylor and Bailous on March 5, 2009. Refer to Exhibit C, for a copy of his supplementary report.**

**Deputy Vera Bailous, # [REDACTED]** was interviewed on April 22, 2009, at approximately 1045 hours by Sergeants Jack Ramirez and Al Maldonado of the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Bailous said on March 4, 2009, she was working with Deputy Mat Taylor. She said Deputy Taylor was the driver and she was the passenger. She proceeded to say that they were stopped at the red light westbound on 220<sup>th</sup> Street at Delores Street when they saw a silver BMW (WA License plate number [REDACTED]) traveling southbound on Delores Street with the front headlights turned off. Deputy Bailous said they turned southbound onto Delores Street with the intention of conducting a traffic stop.

She said the vehicle slowed and almost came to a complete stop near 221<sup>st</sup> Street. She said Deputy Taylor began to follow the vehicle southbound on Delores Street. She said the driver of the BMW continued southbound on Delores Street and had difficulty staying in his lane. She said Deputy Taylor turned on the overhead lights to conduct a traffic stop. She said the driver failed to stop and proceeded to accelerate. She said Deputy Taylor turned on the siren.

Deputy Bailous said the driver increased his speed to approximately 50 to 60 miles per hour (the speed limit is 35 MPH). She said as the BMW continued southbound on Delores Street, it veered over the center divided lines several times and almost hit a parked car, which was parked along the west curb line of Delores Street, north of 223<sup>rd</sup> Street. She said the BMW failed to stop at the red light, southbound Delores Street at 223<sup>rd</sup> Street, almost hitting a vehicle that was traveling westbound on 223<sup>rd</sup> Street in the intersection. Deputy Bailous said at that point Deputy Taylor got on the radio and began to broadcast that they were in pursuit of a reckless drunk driver. She said as the vehicle continued southbound on Delores Street at a high rate of speed, the driver failed to stop at the stop signs at 228<sup>th</sup> Street and 223<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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Deputy Bailous said the BMW turned eastbound onto 236<sup>th</sup> Street and then right onto 236<sup>th</sup> Street at Catskill Avenue. She said the BMW drove onto the curb, barely missing a parked vehicle. She said the BMW crashed into a street sign and settled on the grass and in some shrubbery in front of the Catskill Avenue elementary school fence.

Deputy Bailous said the occupants of the BMW immediately fled the vehicle. She said they both exited the patrol car. She said Morales exited the rear passenger side of the vehicle. She said as he exited the car, he slipped on the wet grass and lost his balance. She said as he tried to stand up, he pulled out a black handgun from his waistband area with his right hand. She said Morales pivoted to his right and faced both her and Deputy Taylor. She said Morales pointed the handgun in their direction. She said fearing for her life and Deputy Taylor's life, she fired one round from her duty weapon. She said she was approximately thirty feet away from the suspect as she fired her weapon. She described her backdrop as being the school and the parked vehicles on the street. She said there was no traffic on the street. She said Deputy Taylor fired several rounds at Morales. She said it did not appear that Morales was struck by any of their rounds. Deputy Bailous said Morales proceeded to run eastbound on 236<sup>th</sup> Street, then southbound behind the residence at [REDACTED] E. 236<sup>th</sup> Street. Deputy Bailous said she saw the driver of the vehicle (Suspect #1) run around the trunk of the BMW. She said the driver ran eastbound on 236<sup>th</sup> Street between two cars parked along the north curb line of 236<sup>th</sup> Street out of view.

Deputy Bailous said they approached the BMW to check for any other occupants. She said they ran approximately 25 to 30 feet in order to contain them. She said as they left their view, Deputy Taylor proceeded to set up a containment of the area. She said Aero and K-9 conducted a search for the suspects. She said two suspects were taken into custody. She said she identified Suspect Morales as the same person who had pointed a firearm at her and Deputy Taylor.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit B, for a copy of Deputy Bailous' supplementary report. Also see a copy of her transcribed interview submitted with this case file.**

Deputy John Davoren, # [REDACTED] and his K-9 Djendis, subsequently located Suspect Morales hiding in a white van parked to the rear of [REDACTED] 236<sup>th</sup> Street.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit B, for his supplementary report detailing his search and subsequent arrest of Suspect Morales.**

**I.A.B. NOTE: The dog bite portion of this case was presented to the Executive Force Review Committee on July 7, 2009, by Canine Services Detail.**

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## **SUSPECT'S STATEMENTS:**

**Suspect Christopher Morales**, was interviewed by Detective Mark Wedel of Operation Safe Streets on March 6, 2009, at the Carson Sheriff's Station. Morales told Detective Wedel that he and his [REDACTED] (Subject [REDACTED]) were at a party. He said [REDACTED] wanted to get something to drink, so they had a male Hispanic who he referred to as a [REDACTED] drive them to a liquor store. Suspect Morales said it was around 11:00 PM. Morales said that they drove south on Delores Street toward Carson high school when they saw a cop car. Morales told Detective Wedel that he is a parolee at large. He told the driver not to trip about the cop car. He told Detective Wedel that the cop car pulled behind them and put on their lights. He said suddenly, the driver accelerated and went through the red light at 223<sup>rd</sup> Street and Dolores Street.

Suspect Morales told Wedel that they drove south on Delores Street and turned left toward the school. Morales said the entire time he was telling the driver to let him out. He said at the school, the driver gunned the engine, and the car crashed into some bushes. Morales told Wedel that the right front door was stuck. He said [REDACTED] got out of the car first and then he heard a lot of gunshots. Morales said he did not know who was shooting. He (Morales) said he got out and they both ran. Morales told Wedel that he had no idea what the driver did because he did not look back. Morales said he did not have a gun.

Morales told Detective Wedel that he did have a knife in a sheath which attaches to his belt. He said the knife was in the sheath and the sheath was inside his pants the whole time. Morales denied pulling out the knife even though it is approximately 15 inches long. Morales admitted to having a gun before when he shot at his [REDACTED] during a prior incident.

Suspect Morales told Detective Wedel that when they ran from the car, he and Subject [REDACTED] ran across the street. He said he had a blue bandana with him and he was wearing a blue Dodger cap. He said the cap fell off later as they were jumping fences. Morales told Wedel that they hid inside a white van. Morales told Wedel that he immediately discarded the bandana and the knife and sheath. He said he put the knife inside of a tool box located inside of the van. Morales said they eventually gave up. He said he was bitten by the K-9 on his left arm. He said he was treated by Paramedics then taken to the hospital.

**I.A.B. NOTE: The blue Dodger cap was recovered in the backyard. The bandana, knife and sheath were recovered from inside of the van. Refer to Exhibit B, for a copy of Detective Wedel's supplementary report.**

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**Subject** [REDACTED] was interviewed on March 5, 2009, by Detectives Gomez and Trejo of Operation Safe Streets. The interview took place at the Carson Sheriff's Station.

Subject [REDACTED] proceeded to say that on 03-04-09, she and her [REDACTED] Suspect Morales (Who she referred to as "Brandon") were at home in Torrance together. She said while at the house Morales showed her a large knife which he had concealed in his pant leg pocket. Subject [REDACTED] described the knife as being very large and "vicious looking." [REDACTED] went on to say the knife was over eleven inches in length and had numerous holes throughout the blade. She said Morales told her the knife was very rare. [REDACTED] told detectives that she wanted some cigarettes, so Morales called a [REDACTED] (later identified as Suspect Octavio Esparza) who had a car. She described the male as being Hispanic, 509-510, 180-200lbs, with crooked teeth, had a Spanish accent and several moles on his face.

Subject [REDACTED] described the car he was driving as being a gray BMW. She said she got into the rear passenger seat of the vehicle and Morales sat in the front passenger seat, while he was still in possession of the knife. She said Suspect Esparza started driving towards the City of Carson. [REDACTED] told detectives she immediately noticed Esparza was driving very reckless by traveling at a high rate of speed and not stopping for stop signs. She told detectives that she felt Esparza had been drinking due to his reckless driving.

Subject [REDACTED] said as they were driving past Carson High School and towards the Home Depot Store located off of Sepulveda Avenue, she told Esparza to slow down and to drive right because she was getting scared. She then noticed a police car following behind them. Subject [REDACTED] told detectives that she kept telling Esparza to slow down and to stop for the stop signs, but he continue to ignore her orders and continued driving in a reckless manner. [REDACTED] said the patrol car put on their red lights and siren. She said as soon as the deputies activated their red lights, Esparza began driving extremely fast. She said she was very scared for her safety because Esparza almost collided into several parked cars.

Subject [REDACTED] Esparza tried to get away from the Sheriff's deputies, but he lost control of the car and they collided into a fence near the school. She said once the vehicle came to stop she opened the rear passenger door and began to run away. She said as she was getting out of the car she told Morales and Esparza not to forget the knife. She told detectives as she was running away from the car, she slipped on the wet grass. She said she then heard several gun shots.

Subject [REDACTED] said she followed Morales east on 236<sup>th</sup> Street. She said they jumped over several walls and hid in a white van together. She said she heard

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deputies approach the van and make several announcements regarding the deployment of K-9 dogs. She told Morales that she was going to turn herself in because she did not want to get bitten by the dogs. She said she exited the van to surrender. She said Morales told her not to let the police know that he was still in the van. She said as she exited the van, deputies took her into custody. She said she told deputies that she was the only one inside of the van.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit B, for a copy of Detective Gomez' supplementary report.**

**INVOLVED DEPUTY WITNESSES:**

None

**NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

[REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of the white van where Suspect Morales and Subject [REDACTED] were hiding. Mr. [REDACTED] told Deputy David Chi, # [REDACTED] that he was the person who had called 911 when he heard noises coming from his backyard near the garage where the van was parked. Mr. [REDACTED] told Deputy Chi that he had heard metal crashing noises where he had several tall metal poles stacked against the wall in his backyard. He told Deputy Chi that the blue bandana, large knife and sheath found inside of his van did not belong to him.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Deputy Chi's supplementary report submitted with this case file.**

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:**

Investigator: Detective Mark Wedel, Carson Station O.S.S  
Court: Compton Superior Court  
Charges Filed: Filed 290 P.C. against Suspect Morales  
No filing on Subject [REDACTED]  
Court Case Status: Pending

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit D, a detailed list of property damage.**

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